

## **Lt. Governor Garamendi Delivers Opening Remarks at the 2008 State of the State Address**

Sacramento, CA- The following remarks were made by Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi at today's State of the State address.

"Senator Perata, Speaker Nunez thank you for your leadership and personal resolve to seek solutions to the many issues that confront California.

"Today's papers and media are full of the many challenges facing this state and indeed the nation, there is no doubt about that.

"Fortunately, California has a powerful and diverse economy; we have capable and motivated workers, California has extraordinary entrepreneurs, educators, and research facilities. This is no average state and this room is not filled with average leaders. I believe we can take on all comers, solve any problem, and continue to be the place where people from all over the world want to stake their claim to the future.

"Governor, your life story, your determination to move forward, take action and your willingness to work beyond the frame of partisanship, exemplifies the possibilities before us. It has been my honor and frankly a pleasure to work side by side with you on so many of the challenges that have confronted our state this last year. I am confident that Californians want us to continue to roll up our sleeves, take action, and work together to solve the seemingly insurmountable obstacles in the path ahead. I know that I am joined by everyone in this room in the desire to keep California the Golden State. We look to your leadership.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the high honor and distinct pleasure to introduce to you the Governor of the great State of California, the Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger."

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